Insurance Companies to make a deposit. There is no Provident Insurance Company working in the State that does not comply with this rule.

There is another chapter devoted to Mutual Insurance Companies and Co-operative Life Insurance Societies. Here the provisions obtainable in the British Indian Act are followed in the main. One important feature of this bill is that it furnishes us with a statute which deals with all kinds of insurance business. Large sums of money are yearly going out of the State and the Government have not been able to keep it under control or make it available for the use of the people of the State. A first attempt is made in this Bill to see if such large sums of money can be prevented from unnecessarily flowing out of the country.

These are the main principles underlying this Bill and I move that the Bill as passed by the Assembly be taken into consideration.

Mr. C. V. Chandrasekharan: Sir, I second it.

The question that the Travancore Insurance Bill be taken into consideration was put and carried.

Clauses 1 to 121 and Schedules.

The question that Clauses 1 to 121 and the 6 schedules following them form part of the Bill was put and carried.

Clauses 1 to 121 and the 6 schedules following them were added on to the Bill.

Preamble and Title.

The question that the Preamble and the Title stand part of the Bill was put and carried.

The Preamble and the Title were added to the Bill.

Mr. Puthupalli S. Krishna Pillai: Sir, I beg to move that the Travancore Insurance Bill be passed.

Mr. C. V. Chandrasekharan: Sir, I second it.

The question that the Travancore Insurance Bill be passed was put and carried. The Bill was passed.

THE TRAVANCORE TELEPHONE BILL.

Mr. Puthupally S. Krishna Pillai: Sir, I beg to introduce the Travancore Telephone Bill as passed by the Assembly. Honourable Members are aware of the fact that the Trunk Telephone System has already begun to work in the State and several members must certainly be enjoying the benefit arising therefrom. At the time the Government brought forward the proposals and this House voted in support of it, there was one defect and

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that was there was no statutory provision enabling Government to carry on this work. What little law there was, was contained in the Electricity Act and it was found to be inadequate for this purpose. Therefore, a bill has been prepared and presented to the Assembly. It was discussed there and passed. One important provision contained in the Bill is that hereafter Government will be the sole licensing authority for establishment and working of Telephone in the State. It is also provided that if Government undertake to establish a telephone they will be empowered under the various provisions contained in this Bill to enter upon property, to erect posts or to put up wires and cables and other things. At the same time provision is made for the payment of compensation to individuals whose rights may be affected by such entry. This Bill also provides for various penalties for interfering with any telephone system, for the transmission deliberately of false information and for various other matters essential for an efficient working of the system. To the extent to which it goes, it cannot be stated that it comes into conflict with any private or vested interests.

Sir, I move that the Travancore Telephone Bill be taken into consideration.

Mr. C. V. Chandrasekharan: Sir, I second it.

Mr. Eric Hall (*Travancore Planters*): Sir, I wish to draw the Government's attention to certain defects in the Telephone bill.

President: Please do it.

Mr. Eric Hall: Under Section 4.

Mr. M. K. Nilakanta Aiyar: It is the printer's error.

Mr. Eric Hall: Sir, may I point out some mistakes in the bill? There are printers' errors to be rectified in clauses 3 and 4, as also in 26.

President: The general rule is that, although a bill is passed into law, it is within the competence of the promulgating authority to correct ministerial errors and the doings of the diabolical personages connected with the printing of those papers. I am sure we are indebted to the hon'ble member for pointing out the mistakes; and the Legal Remembrancer will see to it that such errors do not recur.

The question that the Travancore Telephone Bill be taken into consideration was put to vote and carried.

Clauses 1 to 31.

The question that Clauses 1 to 31 do form part of the Bill was put to vote and carried. The Clauses were added to the Bill.

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Preamble and Title.

The question that the Preamble and Title do stand part of the Bill was put to vote and carried.

The Preamble and Title were added to the Bill.

Mr. Puthupllay S. Krishna Pillai: Sir, I beg to move that the Travancore Telephone Bill be passed.

Mr. C. V. Chandrasekharan: I second it.

The motion was put to vote and carried.

The Bill was passed.

THE TRAVANCORE NEGOTIABLE INSTRUMENTS ACT (AMENDMENT) BILL.

Mr. Puthupally S. Krishna Pillai: I beg to move that the Travancore Negotiable Instruments Act Amendment Bill, as passed by the Assembly be taken into consideration.

Sir, our present Negotiable Instruments Act is based on the old British Indian Negotiable Instruments Act. Since it was promulgated in British India various amendments have been made to the several Sections of that Act, but no attempt has been made to bring the law up-to-date in our own State. This Bill embodies all the changes so far made in British India, and, as I already pointed out, uniformity in these matters is one of the pre-requisites for general commercial prosperity. I, therefore, move that this Bill be taken into consideration.

Mr. C. V. Chandrasekharan: Sir, I second it.

The question that the Bill be taken into consideration was put to vote and carried.

Clauses 1 to 12.

The question that clauses 1 to 12 do form part of the Bill was put to vote and carried.

The Clauses were added to the Bill.

Preamble and Title.

The question that the Preamble and Title do stand part of the Bill was put to vote and carried.

The Preamble and Title were added to the Bill.

Mr. Puthupally S. Krishna Pillai: Sir, I beg to move that the Bill be passed.

Mr. C. V. Chandrasekharan: Sir, I second it.

The motion was put to vote and carried.

The Bill was passed.

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